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TODAY'S NEWS

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

CONTRA COSTA TIMES: Solar perks for low-income homes// PLEASANTON - City officials and folks from the San Francisco-based nonprofit solar group GRID Alternatives will kick off a new project designed to bring solar power to low-income families all over the Bay Area with a "Flip the Switch" event at 11 a.m. today in Pleasanton

http://www.contracostatimes.com/mld/cctimes/news/local/states/california/alameda_county/12950252.htm

SANTA CRUZ SENTINEL: Pajaro Vista earmarks units for affordable housing// WATSONVILLE — Do you feel lucky?

Fifteen new homes in the city are up for grabs at well-below market prices.

<http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/archive/2005/October/23/local/stories/10local.htm>

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

FRESNO BEE: Housing boom fans growth in several Valley industries -- By E.J. Schultz// It's been the shining star in an otherwise dull recovery.

<http://www.fresnobee.com/business/story/11387894p-12133981c.html>

LAND USE / PLANNING

SACRAMENTO BEE: Voters get last word on growth/ Davis residents will OK or block plans for city's largest development. -- By Hudson Sangree// As Election Day approaches, Davis voters are struggling for the first time with their unusual power to approve or block plans for a major new subdivision in the slow-growth city.

<http://www.sacbee.com/content/news/story/13762250p-14604509c.html>

SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE: Developers asking voters to open land for housing/ Opponents say builders are bypassing planning process -- By Erin Hallissy// Developers in the fast-growing East Bay suburbs are touting ballot initiatives that would allow them to build thousands more homes, saying their projects would be the best way to control sprawl in the Bay Area's outer reaches.

<http://sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2005/10/24/BAGA0FCQR61.DTL>

THE CALIFORNIA WATER WARS/ WATER FLOWING TO FARMS, NOT FISH/ Environmentalists lose leverage as agribusiness locks in cheap, plentiful supplies -- for decades -- By Glen Martin// After 50 years of legal infighting, a victor has emerged in California's water wars -- agriculture.

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2005/10/23/MNGS9FCR3L1.DTL>

CONTRA COSTA TIMES: City eyes new projects, nudges housing cap -- By Chris Metinko// Two weeks after holding a workshop to discuss a potential 690-unit elderly care community on the east side of Pleasanton, the City Council and Planning Commission will take a look Tuesday night at another potentially large development.

<http://www.contracostatimes.com/mld/cctimes/news/12982964.htm>

Groups split on Brentwood's Measure L -- By Kiley Russell// The campaign to stop three developer-sponsored growth boundary proposals in east Contra Costa County has been complicated by a split among environmentalists.

<http://www.contracostatimes.com/mld/cctimes/news/12982891.htm>

Slow-growth group will fight senior homes plan -- By Sarah Krupp// ANTIOCH - Many cities consider upscale senior houses the best kind of development: homes that attract responsible residents who have money to spend.

<http://www.contracostatimes.com/mld/cctimes/news/12982962.htm>

State not ready for population boom -- By Ryan Huff// California's population will boom by about 10 million in two decades, causing monumental impacts on schools, housing, transportation and water use.

http://www.contracostatimes.com/mld/cctimes/news/local/states/california/contracosta_county/12950281.htm

Developer Pardee is giving Livermore voters all it has -- By Bonita Brewer// LIVERMORE - For more than three decades, Livermore has fought off development north of Interstate 580. It remains to be seen whether residents will ever approve housing in the politically sacred turf.

http://www.contracostatimes.com/mld/cctimes/news/local/states/california/alameda_county/12977746.htm

Orange County projects go urban -- By Gillian Flaccus// SANTA ANA - With land running out and housing still in huge demand, developers in Orange County are making a radical about-face from the sprawling tract homes and gated communities that have defined the nation's prototypical suburb for decades.

<http://www.contracostatimes.com/mld/cctimes/news/transportation/12977622.htm>

Developers to pay fee to preserve farmland -- By Rhashad Pittman// Farmland in the southern part of San Joaquin County will be preserved with money from a new fee charged to developers.

<http://www.contracostatimes.com/mld/cctimes/news/transportation/12977707.htm>

Walnut Creek explores ways to keep small-town ambience -- By Theresa Harrington// Strolling down North Main and Locust streets in the older part of downtown

Walnut Creek, many city residents enjoy the slow pace, picturesque storefronts and small-town feel they get when they greet shopkeepers who know them by name.

<http://www.contracostatimes.com/mld/cctimes/news/transportation/12977608.htm>

CONTRA COST TIMES EDITORIAL: East County agenda// THE TIME IS RIPE for leaders of East Contra Costa County to agree on a shared vision of what the region can and should become. If they don't, East County cannot reach its full potential.

<http://www.contracostatimes.com/mld/cctimes/news/opinion/12982917.htm>

SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS: Officials examine housing policy -- By Deborah Lohse// San Jose needs to resist more strongly the urge to transform its industrial land into land for housing, city officials are expected to tell a key council committee today. In April 2004, the San Jose City Council adopted a policy that said the city should generally try to keep most of its industrial land for commercial, retail or manufacturing use, rather than allowing it to be converted to residential housing.

<http://www.mercurynews.com/mld/mercurynews/news/local/12982704.htm>

TRI-VALLEY HERALD: Pleasanton to get a look at housing plan/ Up to 1,650 units proposed for Hacienda Business Park// Owners of vacant land in Hacienda Business Park who want to build a mix of housing and retail stores instead of office buildings will kick off a campaign Tuesday to demonstrate that impacts like traffic can be managed.

http://www.insidebayarea.com/trivalleyherald/localnews/ci_3146501

MONTEREY COUNTY HERALD EDITORIAL: Decisions loom for real-world general plan// When Monterey County supervisors pulled the plug on the normal general plan process, they said they wanted a consensus plan that would satisfy everyone. That's virtually an impossibility, of course, considering how much is at stake.

<http://www.montereyherald.com/mld/mcherald/news/editorial/12970545.htm>

MORTGAGE ISSUES

LOS ANGELES TIMES: More Homeowners With Good Credit Getting Stuck With Higher-Rate Loans -- By Mike Hudson and E. Scott Reckard// Low interest rates and aggressive marketing campaigns have driven home lending to record levels. But increasingly Americans with good credit are being saddled with loans designed for high-risk borrowers.

<http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-subprime24oct24,1,2512286.story?coll=la-headlines-business>

Bank Makes It Easier to Share Cost of Home /Lender's offer of individual mortgages for tenancies-in-common worries renters.// SAN FRANCISCO — People desperate enough to own a home in this hyperactive real estate market have long resorted to a risky exercise in group dynamics: sharing a multimillion-dollar mortgage on a small apartment building with a bunch of friends or even strangers.

<http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-mort24oct24,1,6514493.story?coll=la-headlines-business>

REDEVELOPMENT / INFILL

SAN DIEGO UNION TRIBUNE: Marina del Rey redevelopment leads to lawsuits -- By Troy Anderson LOS ANGELES DAILY NEWS// LOS ANGELES – Sweeping redevelopment at the county-owned Marina del Rey has sparked five multimillion-dollar

lawsuits over boat seizures and a separate class-action suit alleging taxpayers have lost hundreds of millions of dollars in lease revenues because officials undervalued the property.

http://www.signonsandiego.com/uniontrib/20051024/news_1m24marina.html

GOVERNMENT SITES:

California Dept. of Finance – Governor’s Budget

http://www.dof.ca.gov/HTML/BUD_DOCS/Bud_link.htm

California Dept. of Housing & Community Development - Press Releases

<http://www.hcd.ca.gov/news/release/>

California Dept. of Housing & Community Development – Housing Policy Development Bibliographies

<http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/biblio.html>

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<http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/news/clips.html>

Today's Focus at HUD [HTTP://WWW.HUD.GOV/focus/focus.html](http://WWW.HUD.GOV/focus/focus.html)

The United States General Accounting Office-GAO Reports

<http://www.gao.gov/audit.htm>

Federal Register, Today's Table of Contents

http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/fr-cont.html

Federal Register, Year 2005 Recent Table of Contents

http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/frcont05.html

U.S. Census Bureau – News Releases

<http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/releases/>

U.S. Census 2000 <http://www.census.gov/dmd/www/2khome.htm>

California Supreme Court Decisions /

California Courts of Appeal Decisions (last 100 days are posted in full text)

<http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/opinions/>

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